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**Church of the Assumption and Church of the Resurrection  
Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

COTA and COR - PPC meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2019  
Church of Assumption – 7:00pm - 8:30pm

| Name                  | Y or N | Name              | Y or N | Name                                    | Y or N |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Allen, Lynn           | Y      | Fr. George Heyman | Y      | Thompson, Bill                          | Y      |
| Case, David           | Y      | LeBeau, Armand    | Y      | Thompson, Jacky                         | Y      |
| Ciaccia, Sandra       | Y      | LeBeau, Shannon   | N      | Walker, Anne-Marie                      | Y      |
| Diggins, Phyllis      | Y      | Merante, Melinda  | Y      | Walsh, Maura                            | Y      |
| Dreitlein, Bill       | N      | Nguyen, Helen     | Y      | Wolf, Connie                            | Y      |
| Gleason, Rich         | Y      | O’Gara, Thomas    | N      | Parasek, Karen (1 <sup>st</sup> alt)    | Y      |
| Gonzalez-Smith, Maria | Y      | Reitz, Greg       | Y      | LaChapelle, Paul (2 <sup>nd</sup> alt.) | Y      |
| Fr. Carlos Sanchez    |        | Reitz, Cathy      | Y      |   |        |

**Meeting called to order:** Dave Case

**Opening Prayer & Scripture:** Prayer led by Bill Thompson

- The Scripture reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) reflected on our spiritual gifts and the council spoke about the unique spiritual gifts that each parish council member possessed.

**Approval of December Minutes:** Minutes approved.

1. **Changes to PPC:** Per Father George’s direction, Cathy Reitz has taken Sister Barbara’s place as COR’s staff representative.
2. **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NAMETAGS:** A draft proof from Penfield Trophies was passed around to the members of the PPC to review and make changes.
  - **Action Items:** Sandra Ciaccia will contact Penfield Trophies to place the order.

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3. **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS/PARISH LIFE:**

- **Easter Egg Hunt and Game Night:** While the PPC initially thought about hosting an event that would bring parishioners from both parishes together, it was determined that the PPC will not host an Easter Egg Hunt or Game Night because there are more urgent matters.

It was also determined that it was not the PPC's role to host social events, but instead that we could support them with our attendance, encourage other ministries to host an event or ask individual parishioners that we know to volunteer.

- **PARISH LIFE:** Currently, there is no Parish Life committee at COTA. For COR, the Parish Life component is in transition. For example, they want to use the term of team vs. committee since committee implies that a person needs to make a commitment. Instead of asking parishioners to be on a committee for the entire year, the person volunteers for a one-time event, such as an Easter Egg hunt or pancake breakfast (event-based participation).

There are Adult enrichment social events organized by Cathy Reitz and Donna DeJoode.

Father George would like to bring back coffee/donut social hours after masses.

- **Action Items: What Does Parish Life Mean?:** If time permits in future meetings a more in-depth discussion should occur on the purpose of Parish Life and what actions we can take to promote it.

What do we want the purpose of Parish Life to be for the parishioners?

What is the percentage of parishioners who attend a church social event vs. just going to weekly mass?

If we can increase people attending Parish social events maybe that will have a reciprocal effect on church attendance.

4. **CHURCH WEBSITES & BULLETINS:** It was determined that the PPC had issues that were of a higher priority to discuss.

Maura Walsh welcomed PPC members to contact her if they wanted to be on a subcommittee.

Maura spoke how the bulletins would be combined first and then the websites.

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#### 5. PASTOR'S REPORT

- **COR FLOW CHART:** Father George reviewed the new flow chart for COR and Cathy's new position as Pastoral Associate for Faith formation and Pastoral Team Leader.

This change is being embraced by everyone at COR.

#### 6. YOUTH MINISTRY AT COTA

- Youth Ministry Position: Ted Bianculli gave his resignation notice and will end his position as Youth Minister at COTA in June.
- Life Teen Model: The type of Model that will be used for the Youth Ministry needs to be determined first. The church then can hire a person to fit the model. COTA's current model involves youth attending separate educational classes at the School of Religion for confirmation and then attend Sunday mass and teen gathering. These are separate events and there is minimal collaboration between the School of Religion directors/teachers and the Youth Minister.
- COR'S MODEL: Cathy Reitz described COR's comprehensive youth model that involves social outreach, curriculum, parental involvement, retreats and mission trips. The teens attend on a Sunday evening where they take their required lessons and teachings for confirmation but also engage in various social functions with other teens.

Cathy described how they have had success with this model since teens continue to still come back even after they have been confirmed.

FERRIS WHEEL MODEL: Cathy described how teens need to look forward to some type of event to keep them interested in attending. There needs to be something "attractive" or "appealing" throughout the year. When a retreat finishes the teens start looking forward to the next event such as a mission trip.

Action Item: At future meetings the PPC will discuss the Teen Model in depth.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2019 at COR**

- Closing Prayer Led by Jacky Thompson and participated by all members

Respectively submitted,

**Helen Nguyen**

**Recording Secretary**